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Glamping on the Hudson

Stalled over a year due to Covid, these fancy camps are finally happening.

A Queens group known as Camp Rockaway is back, 14 months later, to finally set up a group of “glamping” sites along the Hudson River in Schuylerville – the only such experience in the region; south of Lake George, anyway. Book a safari-style tent with queen bed and memory foam mattress anytime from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.

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A classic comeback

The Greenwich girls soccer team has gone from perennial doormat to undefeated. Currently, they are 8-0-2 in a special Fall 2 season, played this spring because the pandemic postponed last year's sports. “It is nice to go into every game believing we have an opportunity to win,” said sophomore Cate Abate.

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Signs of spring

Kate Sausville
Journal & Press

Life has been crazy in the past month. I took on a new position with my agency, I am finishing up a degree, and sporting events and such have returned. While it has been nice to be out and about again, I will admit I enjoyed the slower pace we had this past year. My family was incredibly fortunate that we stayed healthy and employed, and for that I am grateful. Spring is here again, and with it renewed hope and optimism. We were able to spend Easter with family, as most of us are fully vaccinated. I am looking forward to summer get-togethers where we do not have to stay apart.

The weather is turning warmer, though we still have a few cool days here and there. We are starting to tackle some of the outdoor projects that we did not get to last fall, as well as getting the garden going. The bird feeders were put away for the season as we do not want to invite the bears to the yard. The hummingbird feeders will be getting a cleaning so we can put them out this weekend. Hummingbirds are pretty to watch, but they are aggressive at the bird feeder. Last year as I was bringing out my feeder a hummingbird flew right up to me and was trying to take a drink as I held on. I felt a bit like a Disney princess,

though I would have preferred the animals that also do some house-cleaning. It has been nice to take longer walks and see buds on the trees and flowers popping out of the ground.

One sure sign of spring is football. Wait, that is not right. Football is a fall sport, you say. Well, thanks to the Covid-19 pandemic high school football is going on now. Early in the season, the games could only be played on turf fields, but the other night we watched our undefeated Greenwich Witches play at Lake George on their grass field. It was an exciting game under the lights, and Greenwich came out on top. The cheerleaders were amazing, and I am not just saying that as a parent of a cheerleader. This has been a very unusual but exciting season. I am grateful to our schools for making this happen for the kids, especially the seniors.

Another sign of spring is flying pigs. Not really, but our family has joined the ranks of people who have adopted a dog during the pandemic. My husband swore he would never have a dog. Too much work, they tie you to the house, and they leave a mess. Like many people our schedules pre-pandemic were a bit hectic, we love to travel, and we are finally out of the little kid stage where toys and mess take over the house. Since the pandemic has put the kibosh on



The Mowry Gazebo –darren johnson photos

‘Part of the fun of garage sale season are the free leftovers.’

our traveling, and lightened our schedules considerably, his reluctance to get a dog waned. We adopted through Homeward Bound, and I cannot recommend them enough. Her name is Kona, and she is a black lab mix. She is named after the city in Hawaii we stayed in

a few years ago. She is adorable, sweet, and listens better than teenagers.

We hope to get her used to being on the go with us and taking her on adventures. There is some talk of putting a dog park in Greenwich and I am hopeful that will happen. There are a lot of dog owners who are looking for a safe, clean, outdoor space to socialize and exercise their dogs.

Garage sale season is also upon us, and while many town-wide garage sale events were canceled last year, it seems they will go on this year. Part of the fun of sale season is the leftovers on the side of the road afterward. My kids are mortified because I have become one of

those people who stops to check out all the free things. But I have scored some incredible stuff that way. The desk I am using now is one of those finds and I am pretty sure the former owners would not recognize it. It may not be HGTV level, but it is fun to add new life to old furniture.

My favorite sign on spring though has to be driving by the Mowry park gazebo on Greenwich’s prom day. The girls look gorgeous in their gowns with their hair and makeup, and the boys handsome in tuxes. Prom will look a bit different this year, but it is wonderful that it can take place. So maybe they have to add a mask to the look. Guaranteed they will still look amazing and have a great time.

Kate Sausville is a resident of Greenwich, a preschool teacher for Head Start in Saratoga County, wife and mother of two teenage daughters.



Glamping gets second chance along Hudson

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

About 14 months ago, representatives from Queens-based Camp Rockaway – which hosts “glamorous” camping (known as “glamping”) opportunities along the Atlantic Ocean in the borough – visited a Schuylerville Small Business Association meeting and announced that they had gotten a Reimagining the Canals award allowing them to set up shop along Lock 5 on the Hudson, adjacent to Hudson Crossing Park. They were going to debut the summer of 2020.

And then a pandemic happened.

But, after a year on pause, Camp Rockaway’s pilot program will get a chance to try again.

Director Kent Johnson now has a special website up and plans for four sites in a grassy area just perhaps a couple of hundred feet to the southeast of Lock 5, overlooking the river. The season will be from Labor Day Weekend to Memorial Day.

He said each site can have two tents. One a double-sized 10’ x 12’ safari-style tent with a queen bed with memory foam mattress, the other a teepee style pup tent, “ideally for kids.” Each of the four sites can accommodate up to four people. There will be a shared bathroom/shower area and a person or two on staff at all times.

Prices range from \$149/night for two people on a weeknight in June to \$249/night for two people on a weekend July 1 through Labor

Day. Add \$99/night if you would like to add on the two-person pup tent.

Johnson said that while the sites are nice, they aren’t ostentatious. “It’s glamping, but more like camping. It’s not over-the-top fancy,” he said. “This is intended for people who want to go camping, but also sleep in a bed. We don’t do massages or breakfast in bed. ...

“The typical clientele are couples where one person likes camping and the other doesn’t,” he said. “This is a happy medium.”

While he expects that much of the clientele will come from downstate, especially during track season in Saratoga, he also expects many local residents to try this out.

Camp Rockaway is encouraging visitors to spend time in Schuylerville Village, which is an easy walk or bike ride from the site, and will provide useful maps to guests about restaurants and services nearby. Johnson is considering offering bikes for guests. The beautiful Hudson Crossing Park recently added a kiosk for kayak rentals, as well.

The camp will use environmentally friendly showers that collect rain water, green porta-johns and solar power stations for guests to power their devices.

Hudson Crossing Park director Kate Morse said: “We are excited to see such a unique and environmentally minded recreational opportunity join Hudson Crossing Park along the Hudson River and Champlain Canal. Camp Rockaway will help to highlight what many have known all along: that as a waterfront community along the Empire State and Champlain Canalway Trails, Schuylerville is a destination not to be missed.”

Camp Rockaway had won the right to set up along the canal on state property in 2019 through an



A representation offered by Camp Rockaway

RFP process with the New York State Canal Corporation. The nearest place to glamp, otherwise, is Lake George.

Johnson is hoping the Schuylerville site is a hit, and views it as a pilot project. “We’ll

hopefully be embarking on a longer chapter, not just for Schuylerville but other towns along the canal system,” he said.

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Kent Johnson in 2020.

Lots of spring fun planned for Fairgrounds

The Washington County Fair-ground team is looking forward to opening the grounds and welcoming the community back to Old Schuylerville Road! This year we are looking forward to bringing back some old favorites and some new events to our community. After a year

of virtual communication, the fairgrounds are a great place to set up your favorite lawn chair to visit with friends and family, make new memories, and enjoy summer nights in upstate New York!

Back by popular demand are Food Truck Fridays! - kicking off Friday, May 7th with local band Kelly & Son. Food Truck Fridays will continue every Friday through the end of July. Join us for a rotating group of Food Trucks as well as some Fair Favorites! Bring your favorite lawn chair to grab some delicious food from local vendors and great music for a fun Friday night out for the whole family!

Since 2019, we have been working on few improvements with our community partners' help. This spring, we will be having a delayed

celebration of the newly completed Horse Arena with arena lighting made possible by the Glens Fall Foundation in 2020. To celebrate the arena's completion, we are hosting new equine events throughout the 2021 season.

Put all that Spring cleaning to good use by joining us on May 9th from 9 am - 3 pm for the Horse Tack Swap Meet. Get rid of your old horse tack and be on the lookout for something new! Admission to the event is a pet food item for the Comfort Food Pantry. Throughout the day, enjoy demonstrations by the Draft Horse Club and The Tri-County Liberty Club.

In conjunction with Food Truck, Friday's the second Friday of the month, starting in May, will start

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The budget, police reform, a dog park

Pam Fuller
Journal & Press

While many aspects of life have paused during the past pandemic year, the Village of Greenwich has continued to move ahead, adapting to new ways of work. Here is an update on new developments.

Budget. On April 19th Village Board of Trustees approved the final budget for fiscal year 2021-22. The new budget, essentially flat compared to the 2020-21 budget, came in at \$1,105,108, a 0.02% increase. The Village fiscal year begins on June 1, 2021. Village Treasurer, department heads and the Board of Trustees spent hours during January through March to achieve this result. Every detail of spending and projected income was analyzed and fine-tuned in the process. Finally, New York State had warned municipalities that the expected State aid of \$14,000 would be reduced by at least 20%, but after the American Rescue Plan Act passed, that money was restored. The complete budget is available at the Village website: www.villageof-greenwich.org.

Water. Our big water project is in progress. Responding to State safety mandates, we will have increased capacity and in many cases new pipes and equipment that will keep our water system stable. We'll also have new, accurate water meters for each water account. Water meter installation is progressing now. Our installers follow guidelines for COVID safety, and the process for each installation takes at most a half hour, unless problems emerge. The Village has heard from many people complimenting the process and East National Water, who are doing the work. People who have questions should call the Village office: 518-692-2755 x 100.

BOA. A cooperative project between the Village of Greenwich and the Town of Greenwich, the New York Department of State Brownfields Opportunity Area Grant (BOA) launched last month. Representatives of The Chazen Company have been conducting interviews with business owners this past month, and they'll report their findings to the combined steering committee that consists of Village and Town officials and representatives of the non-profit and business commu-

nities. The area is defined as most of the Village and the area of Greenwich out to the traffic circle, focusing on development planning for underused and possible Brownfields locations. In the Village, a main focus will be the blighted former Dunbarton Mill site on the Batten Kill. Public events are planned later in the process, and information about these events will release when we are closer to the events.

Police Reform process. This State-mandated project began in November, 2020, and culminated in a plan of recommended actions that was adopted by the Village Board of Trustees on March 25, 2021 and submitted to the State before the deadline of April first. Through the survey and a series of meetings the committee of officials and volun-

'EV charging stations will be in the Village Hall parking lot.'

teers learned that the Village residents support the local police department, but citizens feel that they need more contact with and information about our officers and their policies. We are working toward the goals set out in the document. The Village website will have a new page dedicated to the police department. On that page we will have resources, summaries of some of the policies that affect residents, and a feedback/complaint form that can be submitted to the Village office. The Village Police Department had planned to have some public events, but the COVID situation put them on hold. Now that things are opening up, the PD will be announcing events where they get to know the community better.

A Dog Park! Many people have advocated for the Village to create a dog park. The difficulty has been identifying the right location on Village land. Now we have identified a parcel of land



across from Rock Street Park, and we are in the planning stage. Trustee Jill Tefft and Village Clerk Jane Dowling are heading the effort. We plan to create a Friends of Greenwich Dog Park committee and we will apply for appropriate grants. Anyone who would like to volunteer, please call the Village Clerk at 518-692-2755 x 100 or respond on the Village of Greenwich Facebook page.

EV Charging Stations to Come to the Village Hall. We worked with NYSERDA and National Grid to apply for funding for a set of two electric vehicle charging stations that will be located in Village Hall parking lot. The stations will be listed on the electric vehicle charging locator apps, and we expect them to represent another reason for visitors to stop in our Village. Construction will begin soon.

E-Waste. Probably every household has some type of unused electronic equipment waiting for a solution. The Village will sponsor an e-waste event on May 14-15 from 8-4 at the DPW garage on Abeel Avenue. Details listing the items that will be accepted are on the Village website. Many items can be dropped off for no charge, and the items that do require payment are on the list.

Pam Fuller is Mayor of the Village of Greenwich.



Empire winners

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 515 of Greenwich announced their 2021 Empire Girls State Citizen and Alternate. The girls were chosen after successfully completing an interview process.

To be eligible to participate in the EGS Program, a girl must be academically in the upper third of the junior class, recommended by the High School principal who certifies that the candidate possesses outstanding qualities of leadership, character, honesty, scholarship, cooperation and maturity. This year's EGS Virtual Session will be held the week of June 27.

This year's Citizen is Faith Ingber, daughter of James and Lisa

Ingber of Greenwich, and the Alternate is Lauren Chuhta, daughter of Steve and Suzanne Chuhta of Cambridge. Faith and Lauren are both exceptional candidates for this Program and deserving of this recognition.

Pictured L-R: *High School Counselor Rebecca Catlin, Alternate Lauren Chuhta, Citizen Faith Ingber and Auxiliary EGS Chairwoman Beth Charron.*



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Kaylee Johnson
Journal & Press

Here are some snippets from past editions of The Journal & Press from late Mays decades ago:

90 Years Ago
May 6, 1931

Six offenders against the laws faced Judge Wyman S. Bacom in county court in Hudson Falls yesterday afternoon and pleaded guilty to the charges on which they were indicted or to other charges a degree or so less serious. They included two prosecuted under the public nuisance law for selling intoxicating liquors, one indicted for carrying concealed weapons, one for larceny and a pair indicted jointly for forgery. Trial of two or three other cases in which the accused pleaded not guilty went over until today.

80 Years Ago
May 7, 1941

About seventeen small rural schools in the two supervisory districts of southern Washington County are affected by new state laws, which go into effect the coming school year and will bring about the closing of more of the small one-teacher schools, which state educational authorities contend are excessively costly to operate. These laws will make it necessary, or advisable from a financial standpoint, for such small districts to close their schools and contract with other districts for the education of their pupils, and also make arrangements for their transportation.

70 Years Ago
May 2, 1951

Murder and suicide climaxed an argument between a young Warrensburg couple early Sunday morning when Allen F. Stillwell, 28, fatally wounded his wife, Aileen, 27, with a shotgun blast and then turned the weapon on himself.

The tragedy occurred at Stillwell's apartment, after the couple had returned from a dance. Mr. and Mrs. Stillwell had only been

married for about two months, and friends of the couple say they had many quarrels since their marriage.

Police have learned that Friday evening the couple went to a resort near Warrensburg and appeared to be enjoying themselves. They returned to their apartment in a two-family house in Warrensburg at about 1 o'clock and Mrs. Stillwell went in the downstairs apartment, where her grandmother, Mrs. Mina Ingraham, 83, and her sister, Miss Mary Wallace, 19, lived. She told her sister that her husband was, "mad at me and is going to kill me."

40 Years Ago
May 7, 1981

A bus trip to view historic sites in Washington County is slated for Thursday, May 21. The trip, sponsored by the Farm Bureau Women (FBW) of Washington County, is open to the public.

Sally Brillon, former historic preservation coordinator for the Washington County planning department, will be taking the trip and will point out sites of interest along the way. The bus will leave at 8 a.m. from North Argyle BOCES parking lot and return at 4 p.m.

First stop on the trip is at the Log Village Grist Mill in East Hartford, owned by Floyd and Mildred Harwood. It was built in 1810 and operated from 1874 to 1902 by Sidney B. Weer. Restoration of the mill was completed by Mr. Harwood in 1977...

Other stops on the trip are the Slate Museum in Granville; lunch at Le Chateau in North Granville; Skenesborough Museum in Whitehall and Washington County Beach at Hulett's Landing

30 Years Ago
May 9, 1991

There is a new, yet familiar face joining the staff of The Journal Press as the editor. Joni M. (Lamb) Henderson began her challenging position on May 3, and looks forward to her new responsibilities.

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Joni is a lifelong resident of the Easton - Greenwich area, graduated from Greenwich Central School, and has worked at various times as an office manager, in newspaper advertising design and layout, and as an uncertified substitute teacher at several schools.

20 Years Ago
May 10, 2001

The After-Prom Party will be held at the Glens Falls YMCA. The After-Prom Party Committee is offering a safe alternative party for the Greenwich Central School, Class of 2002 Junior Prom on the evening of May 12/13.

The free party is offering a fun filled night with prizes, games, swimming, team obstacle inflatable game, wally ball, racquetball, table games and much more! Tear, the hottest new band around, will be performing. Drawings will be held every fifteen minutes. There are many, many prizes donated by local businesses and friends, and a grand prize of a '94 Dodge Shadow donated by Jerry Simon Auto will be awarded to a lucky junior at 3:45 a.m., but you must be present to win!

Walking down Salem's Main Street

Sara Idleman
Journal & Press

Prior to our trip along the East Coast and the Florida Panhandle, Tom and I agreed to take secondary roads. Avoiding the massive truck travel was guaranteed to be more relaxing and we could enjoy the countryside one misses on our interstate highway system. We weren't disappointed. Horse country in Virginia, tree lined highways, a National Forest of Georgia pine, azaleas and tulips in bloom in North and South Carolina made for a pleasant drive on our way to Tybee Island.

But it was the small towns and Main Streets along the way that caught my attention. Having grown up in a small town, I know that Main Streets may or may not reveal the story behind that which is visible to the casual observer. Is the town vibrant, active and community focused or has time eroded the once busy Main Street and the community that surrounds it? One never really knows with only a quick glance of the Main Street.

A friend recently posted on Facebook, "Most people would drive through Salem and think it's just a sleepy old town. Far from it." Her post was an introduction to the Newsweek story about Iris Rogers, owner of Homestead

Hemp in Hebron, and her search for the lost deed to the property. It's a great read, by the way. Check it out. What struck me was my friend's apt description of our small towns here in Southern Washington County and how they may be perceived by travelers passing through.

With that I called Sue Clary, Salem Town Supervisor and long time resident, who introduced me to three young and enthusiastic residents excited about the possibilities in Salem. I often hear laments that our young people leave, never to re-

'Most would drive through and think it's a sleepy old town. Far from it.'

turn. Although that's true for some, many do come back and, with their return, bring experi-

ences and visions to the towns and communities that nurtured them. The three Salem residents, two of whom grew up in Salem, have formed a partnership with the intention of repurposing a Main Street building. They talked about fostering community, spaces where friends and neighbors can gather and the restoration of buildings along Salem's his-



toric Main Street.

They gave me much to work with, none of which will I write about at this time. Rather, they have inspired me to take a long loving look at our Main Streets in Cambridge, Greenwich, Salem and Schuylerville, the communities and the people who live there. There's a lot of activity in each town and lots of material to share in this column. As time goes on, I will do just that.

Stay tuned!

Sara Idleman is a lifelong resident of Greenwich. Recently retired from the workforce, she's delighted to now focus on her favorite interests and hobbies.



ACC scholarship

SUNY Adirondack has extended its deadline for incoming student scholarships for qualifying students in the Fall 2021 semester. More than \$400,000 will be offered to new students, ranging from \$200 to full-tuition awards.

Scholarships recognize and support academic achievement, adult learners and veterans, students with financial need and those admitted into

specialized fields of study. To be eligible to receive a scholarship, admission and FAFSA applications must be complete by June 1. This deadline has been extended, allowing those considering attending college greater opportunity to decide.

Applying to SUNY Adirondack is free and can be done at <https://www.sunyacc.edu/apply>. Applicants should apply for FAFSA, a free form that determines how much federal aid a student will receive; step-by-step instructions are available at <https://www.sunyacc.edu/financial-aid>.

\$1K for Hartford CSD

On April 21, Hartford Central School District Superintendent Andrew Cook accepted a donation from the Hartford Food Pantry Director Peter Klaiber, in the amount of \$1,000. The Hartford Food Pantry donated the funds they received from Stewart's Shop #448, located on State Route 40, in Hartford, via the store's Holiday Match



Stewart's Shop #448 Assistant Manager Adriane Jones, Peter Klaiber and Andrew Cook.

Program. This is the eighth consecutive year the Hartford Food Pantry selected the school as the recipient. The funds will be used in support of the "back-pack" program, which provides children ready to eat food on weekends. Stewart's wishes are for the funds to benefit children under eighteen years old residing within the region their store serves. The food pantry's goal is for the

funds to be used to purchase food to help families who may struggle from time to time. Donating the funds to the school ensures both goals are met.

The Hartford Food Pantry has been serving the community since 2002 and is located in the Hartford Baptist Church.

Olde Saratoga Seniors

The Olde Saratoga Seniors will be meeting on May 5, 2021 at noon at the American Legion. Please wear a mask and will do social distancing. It will be a casserole luncheon so bring a dish to share. Hope to see all our seniors there. We are also trying to get some new members so if you know of anyone 55 or over, tell them to come as a guest and see what's it's all about. For more information, contact Pat at 518-338-2329

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Journal & Press to debut summer pub 6/15

The historic Greenwich Journal & Salem Press – a newspaper established in 1842 serving Southern Washington and Eastern Saratoga counties – will introduce an exciting new product this summer. A freely distributed summer newspaper called 29East will cover the corridor from Saratoga Springs to Salem, NY, with the aim of increasing business and tourism in the region.

29East will be edited by and under the creative control of Greenwich resident Rio Riera Arbogast, a freelance writer who focuses on how creative entrepreneurship impacts the Capital Region's cultural landscape. Riera Arbogast has been writing vibrant profiles of local businesses and their owners for the Journal & Press.

Publisher
Darren Johnson will handle all business aspects of the paper.

'Bringing tourists along the Route 29 corridor from Saratoga to Salem.'

This free publication will be distributed via racks in myriad locations along the Route 29 corridor, and have a circulation in the tens of thousands. Three issues will hit June 15, July 15 and August 15; the first just in time for the Independence Day holiday, the second at the start of racing season, and the third as local county fairs begin.

"As New York reopens, we're excited to leverage the historic brand and high integrity

of The Journal & Press with this new publication to help local businesses, and to help visitors to our region find them, along with year-round residents interested in finding places to go and things to do," Johnson said. "And we're overjoyed to have Rio Riera Arbogast as 29East's editor-in-chief. Rio is a fantastic writer and knows this region and its synergy between business and tourism like none other."

29East will feature stories of interest and shed light on many area businesses and attractions that casual visitors, and even longtime local residents, may not know about. The

paper will have an upbeat, lively style and also include a calendar of events. Locales included are Saratoga Springs, Schuylerville, Greenwich, Salem and adjacent towns and

villages.

"I'm beyond thrilled to serve as editor for 29East, particularly as a local resident who is well-familiarized with the area. I look forward to connecting with enthusiastic writers who are excited about highlighting our many regional gems. My hope is that this project encourages visitors and residents alike to fully experience the beauty of summer along Route

29," Rio said.

For editorial consideration to have your story or event covered in 29East, contact Rio Riera Arbogast at editor@29east.com. To ad-



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Scholarship in honor of arts alum

Greenwich High School has been named beneficiary of the Josh Chambers Memorial Arts Scholarship. The establishment of a \$25,000 scholarship is in memory of 1994 graduate Josh Chambers. The scholarship will be \$1500 per year. The criteria will be a GCS student who actively participated in music or drama at GCS and plans to pursue either music or drama at some level in college.

Josh excelled in music and drama at GCS. He performed numerous classical guitar solos. Josh won the NYSHS music competition as the best high school classical guitarist in each of his four years in high school. He capped off his high school

classical guitar experience by winning the Skidmore College Filene Music scholarship competition in 1994. In high school, Josh was lead guitarist, singer, and songwriter for the band "Throw Down Bouquet," which featured Dave Bengle, Dan Morse, Doug Idelman, Justin Baker and Ali Henderson. The band issued its first CD "Gym Class Hero" in 1994.

At Skidmore College he continued his theatre and music journey. Josh was then accepted at Cal Arts to pursue an MFA in Directing. He produced plays in Los Angeles, Boulder, Austin, and San Diego. During the course of his life, he wrote over 700 songs and directed 100s of plays. When Josh

died Steve Barnes, entertainment critic for the Times Union, wrote, "Josh Chambers artistic fecundity and superabundance of gifts across multiple creative disciplines awed collaborators and audiences alike."

It is anticipated that the first Josh Chambers Memorial Arts Scholarship will be given to a worthy GCS Senior at the June 2021 Senior Awards Night.



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Chamber honorees



On April 21, outgoing Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce President Andrew C. Kelly honored Suzanne Becker and Devin Bulger with Volunteer of the Year Awards at the Chamber's annual meeting. The event was held at the Washington County Fairgrounds. Also at the meeting, Liv Thygesen of Sip and Swirl



-karen squires photos

was elected as new President. Mary Barnhart and Matthew Ryan were

re-elected VPs, Scott Callahan of Crandalls Corners Farm Treasurer, and Kelly Stephen Eustis Secretary.

Cambridge Library

The Cambridge Public Library is open for in-person services with limited occupancy. Hours of operation remain: Monday, Friday, Saturday: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM; Tuesday, Thursday: 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM and Wednesday: 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

There are four public computers open for use with limited time slots. While an appointment is not required to use the computers, it is recommended. The library is not offering meeting space, or hosting in-person gatherings at this time. Beginning May 3rd, the mandatory quarantine period for returned materials will be ended. Items will be returned and available for the next borrower on the same day. Please continue to follow Covid-19 precau-

tions when inside the library building. A mask must be worn by everyone, regardless of vaccination status, at all times, while inside the building. The library will continue to provide curbside services for those who request it.

Farm-2-Library at Cambridge Public Library

Thanks to an incredible partnership between Comfort Food Community and the Southern Adirondack Library System, Cambridge Public Library is now able to offer free, fresh, produce to its community. The library will receive weekly shipments to our newly installed community fridge. The community fridge is open to anyone in the Cambridge community regardless and has no eligibility requirements. If you have any questions please contact the library during open hours at 518-677-2443 or cbecker@sals.edu.

Check to help children

Stewart's Kingsbury Store presented the Washington County Children's Committee with a \$1500 donation from the 2020 Stewart's Match Program. The WCCC also serves Southern Washington County towns, including Salem, Greenwich, Cambridge and others.

Washington County Children's Committee is a non-profit organization that has existed nearly sixty years. The committee accepts requests from school and other service providers working with Washington County Children. Donations are made to meet the children's unmet needs related to education, health, recreation and emergency assistance.

Donations are accepted throughout the year. For more information, visit WCCChildren.org.

Pictured: Angie Fehl, secretary of the Washington County Children's Committee; Joanna Bardin, Treasurer, Children's Committee; and Julie Meade, Co-Chairperson of Children's Committee.



Navarro to perform 5/4

Dan Navarro will perform at 7 p.m. on May 4th at the Depot, Argyle Brewing, 6 Broad St., in Cambridge. Tickets are \$25. Limited seating; socially distanced. A food truck will be available for eats. Call 518-692-2585 or write info@argylebrewing.com or visit www.argylebrewing.com for tickets and information.



With a career spanning decades and a dozen albums with Lowen & Navarro, Dan Navarro is excited to get back to touring and performing LIVE shows. He kept in constant contact with his fans during 2020 presenting *Songs from the CORONA ZONE*, a livestream concert series.

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Schuylerville Library earns arts grant

The Schuylerville Public Library is the happy recipient of a Community Arts grant through Saratoga Arts. This summer, the Library will offer a free six-part Beginning Nature Photography course for anyone age 16 & up. From June 5 through July 17, the class will meet each Saturday from 10am until 11:30am, with the exception of July 4th weekend. Initial meetings will occur at the Schuylerville Public Library or virtually, with several classes outdoors for hands-on photography sessions at nearby Hudson Crossing Park. Any in-person meetings will be socially distanced and participants will be required to wear

masks.

Each student will receive a useful photography instructional book and learn from one of the best nature photographers in our area. Susan Meyer has been photographing nature for decades and just received first place in the Erie Canal Photo Contest in 2020. Susan will display examples of her work and review topics like composition, digital vs film, lighting, and more. The instructor will work with any type of camera or smartphone that participants own and provide useful tips on dealing with whatever type of device you bring to class. Those who complete the program will be invited to frame one of their photographs for a temporary art exhibit at the Schuylerville Public Library later in the summer. Registration will open on May 1st and may be done online (<https://bit.ly/libeventcal>) or by phone (518-695-6641).

Saratoga Arts made this program possible with a Community Arts Grant funded by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.



Congrats, Tony!

Tony Jordan has been chosen as the recipient of the Capital District Council for the Social Studies Partners in Education award. Mr. Jordan has organized trips for Greenwich students to the county building, arranged for them to sit in on court, tour the public safety operations, arranged visits to the jail, as well as being a guest speaker at the high school.

Run/walk/bike for Indigenous women in Cambridge

Join Cambridge for Social Justice on Saturday, May 8, as residents come together to walk, run or bike in solidarity with Missing and Murdered Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirits, grieving families, and individuals working on the frontlines to end this epidemic of violence against Indigenous people. All profits from this event will go directly to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, USA.

Note that there is a fee to register for the walk via Native Women Running. This fee includes an event t-shirt as well as a donation to MMIW, USA. There is no fee to participate with us at Hubbard Hall or participate on your own to raise awareness.

Register at www.nativewomen-running.com and click on the tab "2021 MMIW Virtual Event." Click on groups/teams, find the team name "Cambridge" and register with the password: CSJMMIW2021. The cost to register for the race is \$35. Registering for team "Cambridge" enters you into a raffle to win books by Native authors. Don't live in Cambridge and still want to participate? You can register under the "Cambridge" team name, be entered into the book raffle and participate on your own. You may join the group on the campus of Hubbard Hall to check in before or after you walk, bike or run. The group will be there from 10 a.m. to noon with information about Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women as well as

snacks donated for this event. Winners of the book raffle can pick up their books here. There is no charge to join the group at Hubbard Hall.

The group, organized by Sara Diane Nolan (saradnolan@gmail.com), encourages participants to abide by CDC guidelines regarding distancing, masking, and other safety precautions. Suggested distances:

- 1.3 Miles: 1 in 3 Native women are sexually assaulted during their lifetime
- 3 Miles: Murder is the third leading cause of death for Native women
- 4.5 Miles: 4 in 5 Native women will experience violence

- 5.712 Miles: In 2016, 5,712 Native women went missing
- 10.0 Miles: Women in some tribal communities are 10x more likely to be murdered than the national average
- 11.6 Miles: Of the 5,712 women that went missing, only 116 were logged into the Department of Justice database
- 29 Miles: Median age of missing/murdered Indigenous women

Consider posting a photo of your participation on Instagram and Facebook using the hashtags: #MMIW #MMIWG2S #nativewomenrunning and #cambridgewalksforMMIW.

Crypto or pistachio nuts? A novice investor's dilemma.

Greg Schwem

Special to Journal & Press

The headline caught my eye as I scrolled the morning newsfeed following a getaway weekend in Phoenix:

“If You Invested your Three Stimulus Checks in Bitcoin, Dogecoin or Ethereum, Here’s How Much You’d Have Now.”

It is nearly impossible to have a conversation with anyone with even limited investment knowledge without the subject eventually turning to cryptocurrency. It came up while several of my traveling companions and I trudged up a mountain in the early morning desert heat. I would have preferred discussing more relevant topics such as the embarrassment I felt when four 70-ish women blew past me, none of them perspiring

or even suffering from labored breathing.

Thankfully, the subject was limited to Bitcoin, a topic I at least know something about. What I know is that apparently everybody except me has added some to their cryptocurrency portfolios. Retirees own crypto; millennials own it; teenaged babysitters are rushing home at 2 a.m. with their nightly earnings and creating blockchain wallets. Did I even say that right?

Following passage of the \$1.9 trillion rescue bill on March 11, I did indeed receive a \$1,400 stimulus check. Thank you, President Biden, it was most helpful as I, like millions of Americans, have found my yearly income adversely affected by the pandemic. The money went to pay a few bills. Others have benefited from earlier stimulus checks of \$1,200 and \$600, for a total payout of \$3,200 from the federal government.

Anybody who took those three stimulus checks, and invested them in Bitcoin on the days those checks began rolling off the presses, would have \$12,127 as of April 18, according to the financial website benzinga.com.

Or I could have invested in Dogecoin, billed as a “fun and friendly internet currency” on the website of the same name. I have never associated ANY currency with those words; paying my monthly mortgage or writing a college tuition check is neither fun nor friendly. But I have to admit, turning \$3,200 into \$251,187 sounds like a lot of fun. That amount, benzinga.com states, is what I would have now. No wonder Tesla founder Elon Musk sings its praises.

Finally, there is



Ethereum, a cryptocurrency that sounds like it relieves constipation. If you can spell it, you can invest in it and a \$3,200 investment would now be worth approximately \$19,458. It’s a lot of money but I’m still not convinced I will be able to spend it. Imagine the look on the waiter’s face when the bill arrives and I say, “Do you accept Ethereum?”

What I do know is that if I want to have something to add to conversations with my friends, I had better jump on the cryptocurrency bandwagon now. Or I could remain on the sidelines, wait until this futuristic currency implodes, as some financial experts predict it will, and tell these same friends they should have listened to me and invested their money in Costco stock. I mean, America has proven that, even during the pandemic, it cannot live without industrial sized drums of pistachio nuts. My nest egg will continue to grow.

But I, like many novice investors, am intrigued. So intrigued that my mouse finger is navigating over to sites telling me to set up an account with a crypto broker, create a crypto wallet and dive right in. Meanwhile, there is the allure of a fourth stimulus check that may be headed my way so, if I can resist cravings for pistachio nuts, maybe I’ll have some spare money to invest.

I wonder how those 70-year-old ladies will feel when I yell, “What’s your hurry? Slow down and smell the Dogecoin!”

Greg Schwem is a corporate stand-up comedian and author of “Text Me If You’re Breathing: Observations, Frustrations and Life Lessons From a Low-Tech Dad” and “The Road To Success Goes Through the Salad Bar: A Pile of BS From a Corporate Comedian,” available at Amazon.com.



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Coverage; mascot consideration

To the Editor:

The Journal and Press continues to improve its coverage of truly local news. The last issue did our communities a great service by publishing long detailed articles on the Greenwich Town Board problems, new construction projects and new courses at Greenwich High, the effects of the pandemic in Argyle, the Schuylerville and Greenwich football teams, and the new cafe on Main Street. Other articles publicized local events and posted important news like the road closures at the Saratoga battlefield. This kind of local reporting is vital to encouraging the return of vigorous social life and political involvement as we recover from the pandemic.

The extensive details in the report on the \$8.1 million dollars in new projects at the Greenwich Central schools was especially informative. It tells us that our school will

continue to be one of the very best in the region. I have just one complaint. Where's the description of the much-needed steps and/or walkway on the steep and often slippery path that connects the playing fields to the cemetery and the west side of the village. This path is heavily trafficked by students and lots of other pedestrians who use it to reach west Main Street and the neighborhoods that surround it. Surely just a tiny percentage of the funds available to the School Board could finance such a simple infrastructure improvement.

Ronald Edsforth

Greenwich

Not a Lucky Rabbit's Foot

To the Editor:

A few things to keep in mind regarding the mascot/team name controversy in Cambridge: If there is

someone who likes the name and mascot image, then they aren't being injured by it. But someone who feels upset, offended, angry, or reduced to a stereotype or caricature is. These two people aren't in equivalent positions and their interest can't be given equal weight. It isn't about what the majority wants, but about fixing the damage that majority dominance causes, or fails to prevent. Sheer numbers don't matter because pain is a sign of damage, and only that which has been hurt needs to heal.

The word "mascot" comes from the French for talisman, token, a good luck charm. We can't pretend anymore that we aren't aware of the damage done when an entire group of people are trivialized as mere mascots, or when their individual faces get depicted under one generic profile, or when the riches of unique, diverse native cultures and

histories get lumped together under the one misnomer "Indian." The past generation who chose the name probably didn't intend any particular offense, but we definitely know better now.

Something else to consider: When any group in society is viewed as casually inferior, everyone in society is ultimately at risk of someday also being viewed in the same way. Times change, fashions change, and fortunes rise and fall. Small bigotries and subtle prejudice can be just as corrosive to justice and humanity as the larger and louder versions.

Absolutely, alumni should be allowed their proud, fond memories of playing on the Cambridge teams. Going forward though, let's give future Cambridge athletes a name and mascot that doesn't downgrade any fellow humans to the status of a lucky rabbit's foot.

Mari Cherry

Cambridge

Buy a bracelet for Mother's Day to help Operation Santa

Debi Craig is a retired music teacher with more than 38 years of experience working with children in Saratoga and Washington Counties. She retired in 2012 from the Dorothy Nolan School in Saratoga Springs.

In 2008 after 27 years of living in the Village of Greenwich, Debi moved home to Hebron where she grew up. She became involved with helping teachers and staff members of Salem Central School with shopping for Operation Santa. Monies were used to purchase boots, shoes, warm clothes

and other basic needs for children living in upstate New York.

She is a graduate of Salem Central School herself and was shocked to learn the percentage of children who were receiving free breakfast and free lunch in the school district. Debi decided she wanted to do more. Seven years ago, before she was about to journey to San Francisco on vacation, she was given an angel bracelet by her Mom's cousin. She thought it was very cute and so did many people who noticed it on her wrist. She decided making these

bracelets and selling them to help support the Operation Santa program was something she could do. She donated the materials and her time and over the summer made dozens of bracelets in 4 sizes and a variety of colors.

If you would like to obtain bracelets for Mother's Day gifts, please contact Debi directly by email at dcraig1@hughes.net (or call 518-854-3102). Please put the word "bracelet" in the subject line. She will be selling them at Gardenworks after they open for the season in April. She is happy to



say that she has already sold almost \$7000.00 in bracelets since she started the project in 2016. Debi would like to thank everyone who has already purchased a bracelet for helping Salem area children.

Greenwich CSD counselors eager to help

For a school, supporting students and families is always a priority. Now, more than a year into the pandemic, many families are overwhelmed, processing all the changes in their own lives, while striving to do all they can to care for their children.

No one should have to face this challenge alone.

The Greenwich Central School has three school counselors, a social worker and a school psychologist that are working diligently to support their potentially fragile school community. COVID has exposed vulnerabilities --- and these professionals are attempting to respond not only with compassion and empathy, but also with some specific programmatic elements to help provide support and elevate hopefulness.

The following are some examples of recent additions to Greenwich's programming for student mental health services:

- Training for staff on social/emotional learning – and how best for children and adults to achieve a healthy balance in and out of school
- Formation of a new partnership with BHSN (Behavioral Health Services North) – allowing for access to an outside social worker – housed

in our buildings for much greater convenience and efficacy. Referrals to this program are solely made by the GCS mental health professional (Student Support Staff) group.

- Weekly sessions of COVID-19 groups focused on education, safety and feelings/coping skills
- PRISM group (grief and loss) for grades 3 - 6

- K-6 and 7-12 resource website for students and families

- Resource website for staff
- Increased individual counseling and academic support to help students and families re-engage and do their best in the “remote” and “hybrid” learning styles.

- Increased frequency of contact with families who are at-risk and struggling to engage in school

- Individualized academic tracking and monitoring for at-risk students to assist with home/school communication and work completion

The ongoing goal from a



L-R: Richard Zwirn (school counselor), Dana Finney (school counselor), Meghan Lourie (BHSN social worker), Eliane Keyes (school psychologist), Katelynn Kwiecien (GCS social worker), and Becky Catlin (school counselor).

social/emotional perspective is to help GCS students cope...to navigate through the pandemic with as few losses possible, maintain academic focus, continue relationships and minimize student mental health issues.

Supporting grieving and isolated students, who express their feelings and accept emotional supports, will give them the tools to help themselves. It will also prepare students to sustain themselves and their loved ones in difficult times that may inevitably come later in their lives.

What will the post-pandemic future look like? Will we ever return to “nor-

malcy?” While these questions cannot be answered at this time, long term consequences (positive and negative) are undoubtedly to be expected --- and experts suggest that mental health effects will be felt long into the future. Thus, it is clear...schools must continue to do all they can to support the mental health of their students during this important and precarious time.

If these young people have a more urgent/serious need, the recommendation is to contact your county's local mental health agencies for immediate care.

New marketing chief

The Arrow Family of Companies is pleased to announce the appointment of Blake Jones, Vice President and Director of Marketing to Senior Vice President for Glens Falls National Bank and Trust Company, Saratoga National Bank and Trust Company and Upstate Agency, LLC.

As part of the senior leadership team, Ms. Jones will be responsible for all activities related to the Arrow Family of Companies branding, marketing, communications and community outreach and development.

“Blake's proven experience and knowledge

will help elevate the Arrow Family of Companies brand as we continue to build and grow our customer experience within our eight-county service area,” said President and CEO Thomas J. Murphy.

Ms. Jones joined the company in 2012, was named Director of Marketing in 2017 and Vice President in 2018. She has more than 15 years of experience in communications and marketing.



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION

ARGYLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Argyle Central School District, Washington County, Argyle, New York, will be held in the school library in said District on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at 7:00 PM, E.D.S.T., for the presentation of the budget. The budget will be available for review on May 4, 2021 at the Argyle Central School.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the annual meeting of qualified voters of the Argyle Central School District, Washington County, New York, will be held in the atrium of the Argyle Central School in said District on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 8:00 PM, E.D.S.T., for the transaction of such business as authorized by the Education Law.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that said vote and election will be on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 between the hours of 12:00 PM (Noon) and 8:00 PM, E.D.S.T., in the Atrium at Argyle Central School, at which time the polls will be opened to voting by ballot upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2021-2022 and to

authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

2. To elect one (1) member of the Board for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2026 and to succeed Pamela Ellis, whose term expires on June 30, 2021.

3. To appropriate monies to the Argyle Free Library and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property in the District.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2021-2022, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours beginning Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at the Argyle Central School.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with Clerk of said School District at her office in the School, not later than Monday, April 19, 2021, between 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District and shall be signed by at least twenty-

five (25) qualified voters of the District, must state the name and residence of the candidate and shall describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated, including the length of the term of office and the name of the last incumbent.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots (where applicable) will be obtainable between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 PM, prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the office of the District Clerk on and after May 14, 2021, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM on the weekdays prior to the day set for the annual election and on May 18, 2021, the day set for the election, and said list will be posted at the polling place at the election. Any quali-

fied voter present in the polling place may object to the voting of the ballot upon grounds for making his/her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote at said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen years of age or older, and (3) a resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the annual vote and election. The School District may require all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law 2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

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Bird walk on 5/8

On Saturday May 8 – World Migratory Bird Day – from 9 a.m. to noon, Dionondehowa will offer its annual Bird Walk guided by bird enthusiast Nat Parke. Due to Covid protocols, registration is required at 518-854-7764 or dionondehowa@yahoo.com.

Attention will be paid to distancing and mask required. A donation is requested.

Dionondehowa Wildlife Sanctuary & School is a nonprofit forever-wild landtrust located near Shushan, NY, and bordering the Battenkill (TAWN-TA-ho-WA in Abenaki).

The 2021 Newsletter can be found at www.dionondehowa.org.



How Biden's bailout will affect you

Jill Schlesinger

Special to Journal & Press

If you didn't have the time or the energy to dive into the Biden Administration's \$2.3 trillion American Jobs Plan (AJP), fear not – I have you covered.

The plan seeks “to reimagine and rebuild a new economy” by deploying government money in four areas:

1. Classic Infrastructure: Roads, rails, bridges and transit systems (\$621B)
2. Home Economy: Water (\$111B), child care facilities (\$25B), schools (\$100B), federal buildings (\$10B), broadband (\$100B), affordable housing (\$213B)
3. Caregiving Economy: To help the nation's elderly and disabled (\$400B)
4. Workplace Economy: R&D (\$180B), manufacturing and small businesses (\$300B) and workforce development (\$100B)

The rationale for infrastructure spending is that the country needs an upgrade to many of its systems. The White House notes that “public domestic investment as a share of the economy has fallen by more than 40% since the 1960s,” which is why the wealthiest country in the world ranks 13th when

it comes to the overall quality of our infrastructure.

The AJP makes the leap from physical infrastructure to “human infrastructure” when it adds in money allocated to the caregiving economy. Human infrastructure is a term that has been coined to cover government spending on health, education, and nutrition. The best example of it was the postwar GI Bill, which helped millions of WWII veterans access college or trade schools, provided low-interest mortgages, and established medical care and hospitals for veterans.

Spending on infrastructure would be spread out over eight years, but it would be paid for over 15 years, through higher taxes on corporations. The plan would increase the corporate tax rate to 28%, a walk back of the previous 2017 tax law that slashed corporate rates from 35% to 21%. Additional changes include imposing a 15% minimum tax on large companies (those with income above \$2 billion), doubling the tax rate on companies' foreign earnings from 10.5% to 21%, and the establishment of a global minimum tax to stop companies from taking advantage of lower tax rates abroad.

In addition to making up for the lack of investment over the past decades, the other promise of the AJP is that “it will create millions of good jobs.” While the plan may add a bunch of jobs, the U.S. labor market is already on track to recover its former glory. According to Moody's Analytics, the AJP would help the labor market return to its pre-pandemic level by early 2023, “not much different than

without the plan.” The reason is that it would likely take a couple of years for government spending to boost growth and lead to more jobs.

The government's investments in infrastructure will add more juice to the economy over the next few years, but estimates are all over the place for just how much of a boost the plan would provide. In fact, the economy was set to explode higher this year, before the AJP. In its most recent outlook, the IMF made “a sizeable upgrade for the United States (1.3 percentage points),” predicting growth to come in at 6.4% this year. That comes after a 3.5% contraction in 2020. The IMF also upgraded its view on global growth, which is expected to be 6% in 2021 after the historic contraction of -3.3% in 2020. Global growth has accelerated due to the massive \$16 trillion in government spending worldwide, which “prevented far worse outcomes.” The IMF's estimates suggest “last year's severe collapse could have been three times worse had it not been for such support.”

The IMF has not yet weighed in on the AJP, but the most immediate impact of the legislation is that it could supersize growth both in the US and around the globe.

Jill Schlesinger, CFP, is a CBS News business analyst. She welcomes comments at askjill@jillonmoney.com.



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Upcoming blood donation events: Stillwater

5/1/2021: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Arvin Hart Fire Dept., 10 Campbell Ave., Station 1

Saratoga Springs

5/6/2021: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Saratoga Wilton Elks Club, 1 Elk Lane

5/11/2021: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., American Legion, 34 West Ave.

5/13/2021: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., St Clements Church, 231 Lake Ave.

Queensbury

5/14/2021: 12 p.m. - 7 p.m., West Glens Falls FD, 33 Luzerne Road

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION GREENWICH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Greenwich Central School District, Washington County, Greenwich, New York, will be held in the High School building in said District on Monday, May 10, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. prevailing time, for the presentation of the budget.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a vote will be taken of all those qualified to vote at School District Meetings in said District at the Greenwich Primary School Building, Greenwich, New York, on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 and the polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. E.S.T. until 8:00 p.m., E.S.T.; at such time the voters of the District will vote upon the following matters:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.
2. To elect one (1) member of the Board for a five-year term to succeed Mrs. Erin Boivin whose term expires on June 30, 2021

EQUIPMENT PROPOSITION:

SHALL the Board of Education be authorized to: (1) acquire school buses at maximum estimated cost of not to exceed \$245,750; (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District and/or enter into installment purchase agreements at one time or from time to time in the principal amount of not to exceed \$239,250, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

LIBRARY PROPOSITION:

Resolved, Shall the Board of Education be authorized to increase the appropriation to support the Greenwich Free Library from \$99,837 to \$103,541 and the appropriation to support the Easton Library from \$42,586 to \$44,123 annually?

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2021-2022, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the district during business hours beginning fourteen days before the vote, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at her office in the Middle Grade school, not later than Monday, April 19, 2021, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District and shall be signed by at least 25 voters of the District, must state the name and residence of the candidate and shall describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots/military ballots will be obtainable between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the office of the District Clerk on each of the five (5)

days prior to the election between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on weekdays prior to the day set for the annual election and on May 18, 2021, the day set for the election. Any qualified voter present in the polling place may object to the voting of the ballot upon appropriate grounds for making his/her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote at said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years of age or older, and (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the annual vote and election. The School District may require all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law Section 2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board and in accordance with Sections 2035 and 2008 of the Education Law, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, must be

filed with the Greenwich Central School Board of Education at the Middle Grade Building on or before April 19, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. prevailing time; must be typed or printed in English, must be directed to the Clerk of the School District and signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District; and must state the name and residence of each signer. However, the School board will not entertain any petition to place before the voters or any proposition for the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, or any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditure of monies is required by the proposition.

Denise Smith
District Clerk

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Do the customers always come first?

Daneen Skube

Special to Journal & Press

Q: *During the pandemic, I have been acutely aware of how hard certain customers and co-workers make it for me to do my job. As if death or disability wasn't enough, people have been just cranky, impatient and demanding. How can I manage to be productive when people are being worse jerks than usual?*

A: You can manage to be productive if you change your expectations of people around you. Most people around us will not make it easy for us to do our jobs. Most people will act badly at least some of the time. Some people will make it hard for us and act badly nearly all the time. Our power resides in our capacity to learn advanced interpersonal skills that allow us to have a good day no matter how badly others are acting.

If our well-being is dependent on the behavior of those around us, then we are constantly vulnerable. High-level interpersonal skills work like a COVID vaccine, immunizing us against the emotional viruses around us that can make us emotionally unwell.

The truth is our mental health and physical health have a ton to do not just with our circumstances but also with our power to make choices that help us act skillfully, regardless of our challenges.

When all around you are acting poorly, your capacity to feel bad and act effectively will improve your career a million times over. Others will also notice that you seem to be able to ride out the stressful storms that cause others to fall apart.

Our workplaces pay and promote us because of our skills as problem-solvers. Our ability to solve problems at work starts with the complicated interpersonal problems we face every day. When people ask about my corporate work, I say that my work involves the most difficult part of the workplace ... which is other people!

However, the most difficult part of our workplace isn't actually other people. The hardest task is to control our reactions to the behavior of other people and to let interpersonal challenges inspire us to mature. If we collapse into being victims, our circumstances never improve because we never improve. Impulsive reactions to upsetting situations can make us our own worst enemies.

If we get tired of feeling run over by people acting badly, then we can channel our frustration into

learning every clever communication skill we can discover. We practice, make mistakes and become smarter and more skillful. Our impulse control, tools and strategies all become part of our interpersonal immunity on the job.

Some of my clients tease me that they miss the days when their suffering was everyone else's fault. With many sessions of executive coaching and therapy under their belts, they now know that most of their suffering is their reactions to other people. When we blame others, we slow down our ability to take back our power to change our experience with a novel approach.

As we realize we have met the enemy and the enemy indeed may be our lack of skillful responses, we start down a new powerful path. We find we had vastly more control over our well-being at work. Personal responsibility can be the beginning

of a whole new chapter to grow up as we grow beyond our old limiting and painful habits.

The last word(s)

Q: *My kids have grown up, and I'm trying to figure out how to do something both meaningful and fun for work. Is this unrealistic?*

A: *No, the best careers are built on finding the most fun sandbox for you to play in as an adult, and then get to be paid to learn and play with other people that also like that sandbox!*

Daneen Skube, Ph.D., is an executive coach and appears on FOX's "Workplace Guru" each Monday morning. You can contact Dr. Skube at www.inter-personaledge.com.



Fort Salem Theater's new season

Fort Salem Theater announced their 2021 Summer series. The COVID-conscious productions will mark both the theater's reopening from the global pandemic, as well as the official grand reopening under new venue owners and management. The curtain rises on the theater's mainstage with *The Marvelous Wonderettes* (June 18-27), followed by *Next to Normal* (July 23-August 1). Limited tickets are available now at www.FortSalem.com.

The theater will follow the New York State Interim COVID-19 Guidance for Small and Medium Scale Performing Arts and Entertainment, selling only 65 tickets per indoor performance, which represents 33% of the theater's capacity. Audience members will be seated a minimum of 12 feet away from performers at all



Kyle West

times in pre-assigned seating of alternating rows with multiple seats between parties. Masks will be enforced for all ticket buyers and lobby workers, with additional guidelines in place to minimize guest interaction throughout the building. A mini-

mum of two certified COVID Compliance Officers will supervise all rehearsals and performances to monitor health and safety protocols daily. The theater's full COVID compliance plan is available at www.FortSalem.com/Covid.

"We're excited to welcome the community back into the beautiful Fort Salem Theater. It has been closed for too long, and we can't wait to be part of bringing the performing arts back to Salem and the Capital Region. We are fully committed to offering events that we know audiences will love, while ensuring an environment that offers the safest experience we can provide," Executive and Artistic Director Kyle West stated. "We've intentionally selected small-cast productions with reduced production teams to minimize the number of people at rehearsals and backstage and performances.

In order to reduce the staffing capacity, guest artist Dr. John Norine Jr. will serve as both music director and technical director, designing scenery, lights, and sound for the full Summer season. He partners with Kyle West, who will direct, choreograph, and costume the series. Local choreographer Susi Thomas rounds out the production team as co-choreographer for *The Marvelous Wonderettes*. All three creatives are fully vaccinated. For information on tickets and auditions (now being accepted virtually), visit www.FortSalem.com.

RC churches update

The Catholic Churches in our area will be experiencing some changes over the next few weeks to maintain priestly coverage as Fr. Fisher and Fr. Zelker will be leaving shortly. Jeff Peck will provide leadership for Holy Cross, St. Patrick's, and Immaculate Conception. Fr. Peter Tkocz will be the Priest for the three parishes. Father Peter will begin on May 8/9 in Hoosick Falls and Cambridge. Father Ed Kacerguis will continue at Holy Cross Through May. The changes will result in the need for time changes in the Mass. Please consider signing up for the bulletin by email to help keep current on the changes.

Salem's Holy Cross Catholic Church holds Mass on Sundays at 8:30 AM. Reservations are required. Please call 518 677 2757,

leave your name and how many will be attending. Please repeat your phone number. Reservations must be made by 11:45 on Friday morning and masks are required.

Mass at St. Patrick's, Cambridge, is held on Sundays at 11:00 AM. St. At St. Patrick's, Mass will be outside and you need to bring a chair and mask. If inclement weather is predicted, a flocknote notice will be sent and a message on the answering machine. For inside reservations please call 518 677 2757 by 11:45 AM Friday.

For information and great resources, check the website www.battenkillcatholic.org and the Battenkill Cluster Facebook page. To reach Holy Cross or St. Patrick's by email use; parishoffice@battenkillcatholic.org.

Spring on the Farm

There will be a Spring on the Farm Event at Wind Valley Farmstead on Rt. 153 in Salem, NY, on Saturday May 15 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come out to the farm and meet the goats and bunnies and other baby animals.

While on the grounds shop the Wind Valley Goat Milk and Humble Hill Fresh Bees Wax products and honey, along with many other local vendors. There will also be music, a maple wagon, and food



trucks will be at the farm to also enjoy. All Covid guidelines in place. Visitors must wear a mask while at the farm. Any questions contact Tera Williams at 518-361-9327 or Twilliams@brsu.org.



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CBD shopowner mulls having dispensary

Haleigh Eustis
Journal & Press

As of March 2021, New York State has taken the initiative to legalize marijuana – making New York the sixteenth state to do so. The push to legalize recreational marijuana has opened new doors and opportunities for potential businesses all over the state. But with new business on the horizon, opportunities to educate ourselves have become copious. Dispensaries are used primarily to sell marijuana and are highly abundant in Oregon, Oklahoma, and Colorado. With the recent legalization bill, questions of business impact, tax revenues, and many more concerns have yet to be answered. Though it has been made legal by state, towns and villages have the autonomy to voice their concerns or encouragements.

A tremendous amount of time and effort, along with instilling laws and regulations are required to successfully enter into this budding branch of business. In an effort to better under-

stand the commercial aspect of CBD and THC, I spoke with the owner of Windy Hill CBD Oil, Holly Harris, over a Zoom meeting. She expressed the desire to expand her business to function as a dispensary as well as the CBD shop.

Harris explained to me that she started selling CBD after being convinced to do so by a friend stating that, initially, there was plenty of doubt pertaining to the effect CBD would have, saying, “All right, it’s CBD, why not? I don’t really think it’s going to do anything.” Quickly, the world of CBD oils, salves, and gummies opened her eyes to unexpected ways of healing and pain relief. “Within a week, my back pain had gone away and in the same time frame, my mood became more level . . . it just made life not seem so overwhelming.”

Harris’ passion and dedication to her product was made apparent throughout our conversation. The research and time

she has spent to maintain the quality of her goods is evident – assuring that she only uses the best products she can find. Harris even strayed away from the multi-level marketing she initially used to create her own business. Harris’ business started out in a small “shack,” but within the last two years has relocated to the heart of Greenwich, where she has expanded her clientele.

Though CBD and THC aren’t the same (CBD is more commonly used for healing properties and is taken over longer time periods, while THC is used more commonly for relaxation and lasts for a few hours), Harris expressed the desire to



Holly Harris –darren johnson photo

open a dispensary. Acknowledging that the location of the shop would have to follow certain zoning laws (not being too close to a church and or school), Harris’ primary concerns lie within her own education when it comes to this kind of business.

She explained that due to the pandemic, crossing state lines has proven to be increasingly difficult. Though Massachusetts isn’t known for its abundance of dispensaries, it’s the closest way of educating herself about the ins and outs of legal marijuana and the business. Harris depicted the chores of opening a brand new dispensary, explaining that she’s going to pursue the legal license, but there’s plenty of work that needs to be done in preparation. Amongst the certifications, background checks, possible relocation, and price that comes with opening the business, Harris hopes that a “boutique owner who doesn’t have hundreds of thousands of dollars” will be able to open a dispensary. She takes comfort knowing that her regular customers have shown their support and excitement for this new business

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Greenwich houses of worship

Jim Nolan
Journal & Press

This is the first of what will be two or three articles on Greenwich Houses of Worship.

Bottskill Baptist Church

Incorporated in 1767, Bottskill is the sixth oldest Baptist Church in New York State, pre-dating the founding of our country. During those 250 years, Bottskill has been at the center of several historic moments. Chester A. Arthur, the 21st president of the United States, sat in the pews while his father, Reverend William Arthur, preached as a pastor to the congregation. In 1854, author, orator, and abolitionist, Frederick Douglass filled the church as he delivered an anti-slavery address years before the Civil War.

The current church building, located at 32 Church Street, has been a fixture in the community since 1865, with its steeple gracing the skyline of the village overlooking

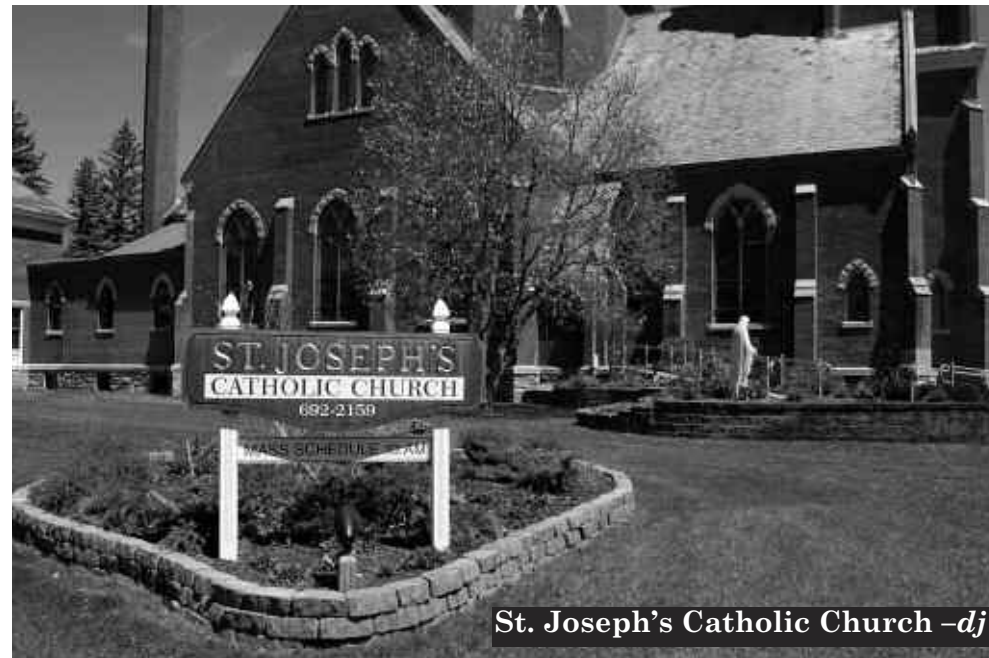
the Battenkill River. After undergoing extensive construction to repair failed roof trusses in 2017, the Bottskill Congregation is once again worshipping in this historic building.

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church

St. Joseph's Church was established in 1869 by immigrants practicing the Catholic faith. The church building is at the corner of Hill and Bleeker Streets. The brick church was constructed from 1903-1909 and has served the Catholic community of Greenwich since that time.

St. Joseph's Hall, adjacent to the church, was once a Methodist church. It was purchased by St. Joseph's in 1871, moved to the present location on Hill Street, and became the first Catholic Church in Greenwich.

It is interesting to know that when the construction began on the new church, the Greenwich and Johnsonville Railroad built a spur from the Greenwich rail yard to the



St. Joseph's Catholic Church -dj

building site. This allowed the bricks to be delivered directly to the site.

community. The church building was completed in 1884.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, located at 145 Main Street, was organized in 1870. The congregation was made up primarily of Irish immigrants who came to work in Greenwich's Dumbarton linen mill on the Battenkill River. The mill workers built a solid worshipping

A resident of Greenwich, Jim Nolan is a Professor of Business Analytics at Siena College and serves on several Greenwich area nonprofit boards.



(cont.)

venture.

Straying away from the business side of a dispensary, I questioned Harris about the pros and cons of opening a new dispensary in a fairly small town. The pros were quite simple; CBD and THC market well together. With the right balance of THC and CBD, customers can experience optimal effects when it comes to relaxation and pain relief. Though the two pair well together, Harris goes on to say that the cons were based on the uncertainty and lack of knowledge around the selling of THC.

She worries that her building may lack the security and questioned if it would be big enough to sell from. Harris also voiced concerns about whether THC sales will take away from CBD

'Customers can experience optimal relaxation and pain relief.'

sales. Fortunately, she believes that the two products can live in harmony, and feels confident that she understands what her general consumers are looking for. Harris recognizes she'll

need a qualified and knowledgeable team to assist her with THC, edibles, dabs, and popular strains to sell. With this project underway, she wants people to know that she's not looking to make a huge profit from her product. Her main priority lies within "making people feel better and receiving quality products."

Harris' admiration towards her customers speaks for itself, explaining that she absolutely adores when people come to her and express how their pain has diminished after using her products. If you're interested in supporting female-owned small businesses, I recommend checking out Windy Hill CBD Oil in Greenwich, NY.

Louis Maggiore of Sweet Lou's Bistro

Rio Riera Arbogast
Journal & Press

Sweet Lou's Bistro was borne out of owner-operator Louis Maggiore's desire to create an original culinary project while spending more quality time with his family. Louis decided to shift his career trajectory after approximately 20 years of working for Longfellows and The Olde Bryan Inn, two popular Saratoga restaurants. Although he loved both establishments and his colleagues, working weekends, holidays, late nights and long shifts began to inspire him to think outside the box. This reflection process led him to decide that "it was time for me to stop living to work and actually start working to live."

When Louis, his wife Donna and their children moved to nearby Gansevoort, they purchased a few buildings in Schuylerville. Originally they tapped into the spaces as rental properties. Eventually, however, new possibilities emerged. On a perchance happening, Louis discovered that original brick lay behind the building's walls and wooden floorboards existed beneath installed carpeting. Learning more about the building's architectural character inspired Louis to envision opening up his restaurant.

Sweet Lou's menu focuses on providing homemade food. "I would rather serve great food on a plastic plate than serve good food on china," Louis shared about the bistro's ethos. The restaurant pays special attention to treating its meats. For example, pastrami and corned beef are both brined in-house with Sweet Lou's signature flavor profile. Whole turkeys are roasted on-site for the bistro's sandwiches. Meatball recipes developed by Louis's Italian mother and grandmother grace the menu.

On Saturdays, the eatery offers its prime rib dinner. Due to high demand, customers often begin calling to place orders as early as Tuesday.

The bistro is highly responsive to customer needs. When a guest expressed their desire for pulled pork, Louis learned how to develop a recipe for a 12 hour overnight slow roast. Now, the dish is a permanent item and one of their most popular. For customers craving an alternative dish, "We'll create something if they don't want something off

the menu." Customers can also order a meal for two and get a side salad to boot.

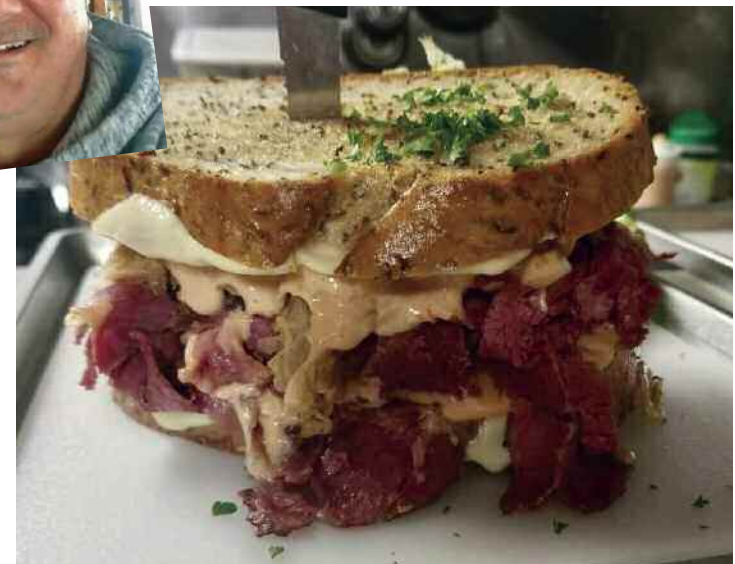
In terms of owning a restaurant in a small town, Louis detailed, "Your market is small and the radius from where you can draw people from is wider. You have to draw from where you can, which is the communities around you." The restaurant's open kitchen design and 25 seat capacity allow for an atmosphere of familiarity. Staff infuses customer engagement with a degree of engagement hard to achieve in higher volume restaurants. Rather than rushing guests out to turn tables more quickly, Louis explained, "If you have the table, you keep the table." He also acknowledged the importance of starting things off on the right foot. "I tell our people we're in the memory business – if we don't create that memory the first time out, you're never going to get another chance. They'll go somewhere else. So what you do with a smaller place is you personalize it a lot better."

On a macro scale, Louis understands restaurants as being a key player within rural economies, as they often draw new visitors into town and boost up all business as a result. Sweet Lou's Bistro belongs to the Schuylerville Small Business Association (SSBA). Not only does the SSBA focus on how to support each

**'I tell people we're
in the memory
business.'**

other, it also tracks the pulse of the community at large. The association works on helping with the town's food pantry, organizing raffles for school departmental fundraisers and providing internships for local youth. In response to new challenges presented by the pandemic, they've also organized to ensure young people have food and computers to complete assignments remotely.

Luckily for Sweet Lou's, the pandemic did not slow the business down. In fact, it brought in many new customers who were interested in checking out local take-out options. On a parallel note, Louis equated his business success as measured in his family's quality time together. While



he acknowledged that he does miss the large paychecks that come with working in high-volume restaurants, he has also gained something much more valuable in exchange. "My success now is when I see my family; when I see my daughters wanting to hang out with my wife and me." He added, "I think on a personal level [success] is not always just about business, or how much money you make. It's who are you as a person... it's changing my little corner of the world."

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Greenwich girls soccer is undefeated

Darren Johnson
Journal & Press

“HOLY SCHNIKE!”

Fourth-year Greenwich high school varsity girls soccer coach Jeff Davidson – known by players to say that quote from the 1995 movie “Tommy Boy” and several other Chris Farley exclamations in team huddles – actually may have found the right movie for inspiration.

In it, the Farley character goes from discounted and down-and-out to become an unexpected hero, against all odds.

And the Greenwich girls have taken a similar path. In recent years, the team was so poorly regarded that other teams would schedule their homecoming games against the Witches, expecting to gloat after an easy win.

But not anymore.

The Witches have gone from perennial doormat to undefeated. Currently, they are 8-0-2 in a special Fall 2 season, played this spring because the pandemic postponed last year’s sports, with only one game to go. There won’t be a playoffs for this special season, but there will be an all-star team, and Davidson predicts the Witches will send many players.

“It has been such a change going from the ‘homecoming team’ to one of the strongest teams in the WASAREN League,” said Faith Ingerber, a junior.

Fellow junior Olivia Strobe added, “There are strong players ahead of us and strong players coming up. This makes all of us work hard at practice and play hard in games. We know we need to focus to be successful.”

So what happened? Why is this team suddenly so good?

“There are many reasons for the program’s turnaround, from the Greenwich youth program to the hard work by both players and coaches at the modified and JV levels,” Coach Davidson said. “Our varsity program focuses on fundamentals and teamwork as well as incorporating different styles of play. The girls have bought into the system and continue to improve in all aspects of the game weekly.”

And the winning has helped the team bond, building an all-around sense of confidence and optimism among the girls.

“It is nice to go into every game believing that we have an opportunity to win,” said Cate Abate, a sophomore.

Freshman Adrianna Rojas said: “We are lucky to have talented seniors on the team who encourage us on and off the field. We are all working towards a common goal.”

The coach added: “We play as a team, so ultimately they are all standout players; however, our four seniors, Faith Hewitt, Molly Bro-

‘This whole season, Fall 2, has been a roller coaster.’

phy, Dylan Skiff and Tess Merrill, make up the backbone

of the team by helping to control the middle of the field. Our younger players are already exhibiting growth as they gain both practice and game experience.”

But it hasn’t been easy. “This whole season, Fall 2, has been a roller coaster,” the coach said. “Between the weather, limited practice space, traveling to play our home games at facilities with turf fields and a quarantine, it was a definitely a challenge. Our team showed both physical and mental

strength throughout the season which definitely helped attribute to our success thus far.”

With one game to go, Coach Davidson is sure his players won’t let off the gas.

“The girls are and should be proud of their achievements, however; they know we are going to be challenged this last week,” he said. “There is no doubt in my mind that they will be ready to play and as always give 100%.”

Patrice Abate generously assisted with this story.



Dylan Skiff



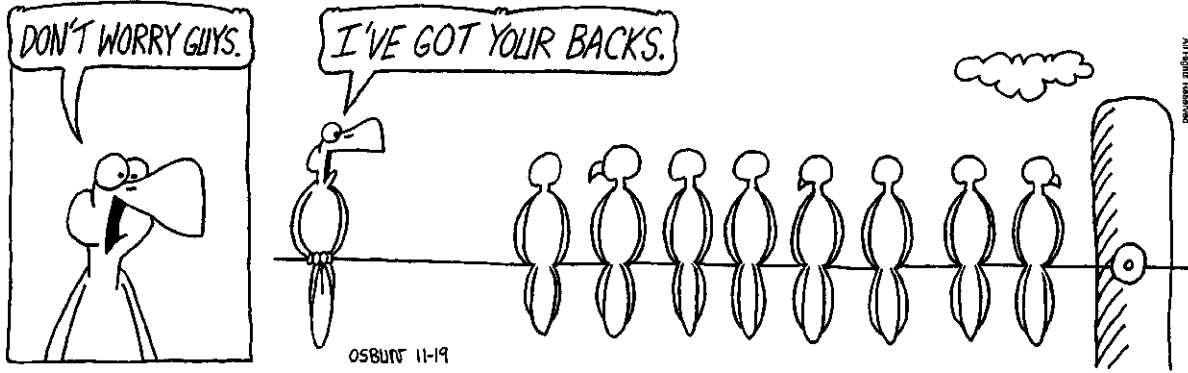
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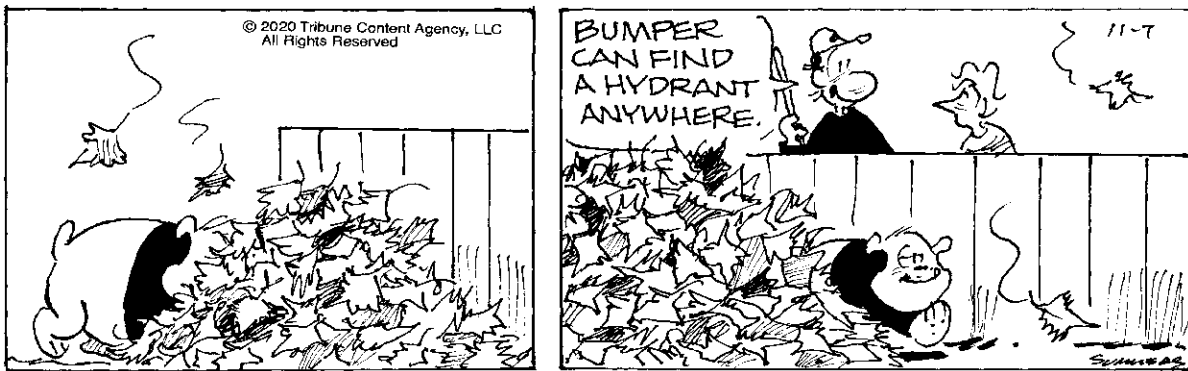
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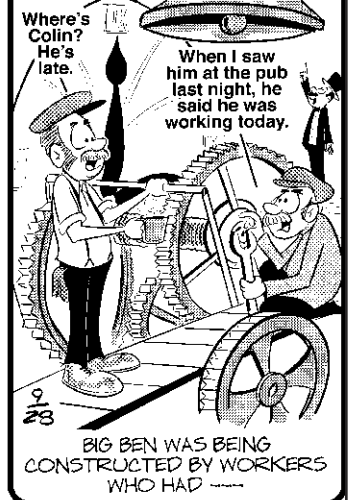
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Local Events

29th Annual Whipple City Festival planned for June 19th

The Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce announced the 29th Annual Whipple City Festival will take place on Saturday, June 19, 2021, in the Village of Greenwich. Whipple City Festival is an annual event in June that has taken place in the Village of Greenwich, New York since the early 1990s. What began as a thank you to the local community for their support of our local businesses has become a popular event for the entire southern Washington County area.

There are changes to this year's Whipple City Festival. The event will be for one day only, from 1pm to 6pm, and take the form of a pedestrian street fair on Main Street in the heart of the village. Main Street will be closed from Hill Street to Washington Street allowing for local businesses and organizations to line the street sides with tables and tents.

"After the difficult decision to call last year's

Whipple City Festival due to the coronavirus pandemic and subsequent restrictions, the Chamber is excited to hold this community event," said Kelly Stephen Eustis, Managing Director of the Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce. "With a focus on recovery for businesses and organizations, the festival is transforming into a street fair to help our local economy."

The festival will have a variety of food, artisanal, crafter, and retail vendors along with informational booths. Those interested in taking part may visit WhippleCityFestival.com or request a vendor application from the Chamber by emailing info@greenwichchamber.org. Deadline for applications is June 1.



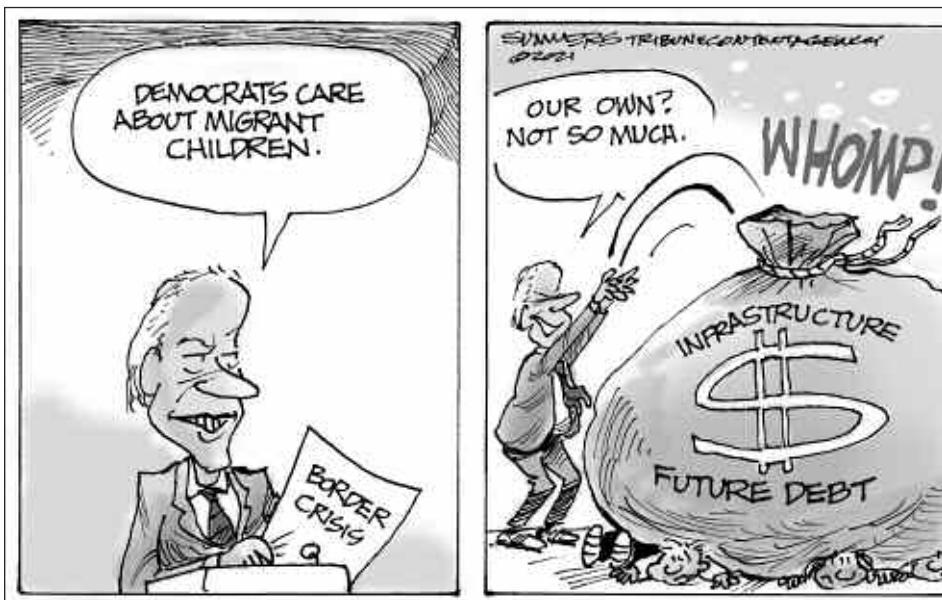
A scene from a past festival

"As always, we encourage you to continue to support businesses and organizations that make the Greater Greenwich area a great place to live and work," said Eustis.

More information and updates can be found online at WhippleCityFestival.com.

An Artist's Take

Political Cartoon of the Week by Dana Summers



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34 Deadly
37 West Point team
38 Prom adornment
40 Hear about
42 See 18-Across

- 43 Stella __: Belgian beer
45 Düsseldorf direction
46 Hard work
48 Bridge seats
50 __ Zee: Hudson River area
53 Divine fluid
57 Laszlo Kreizler, in a Caleb Carr novel
60 Nylons
61 Scream-evoking horror film technique ... and a hint to what's hiding in five puzzle rows
63 Broadway orphan
64 US Open stadium namesake
65 Surrealist Paul
66 Paragon
67 It may be gross
68 Barrie pirate
69 Leaders of industry

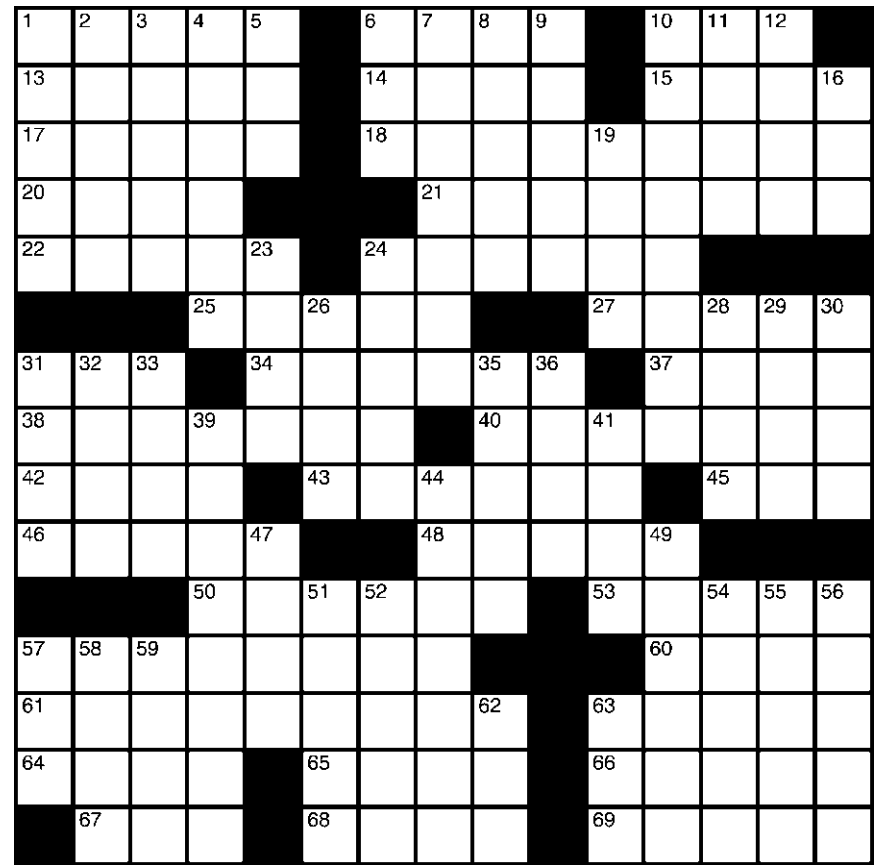
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- 1 Fried chicken choice
2 Painter __ de

- Toulouse-Lautrec
3 Two quartets
4 Jay Powell chairs it
5 That girl
6 Orchestra sect.
7 Not very friendly
8 "What __": "Ho-hum"
9 Amazon crime series based on Michael Connelly novels
10 Satellite communications giant
11 Grazing sites
12 Soft shoes
16 That girl
19 Old PC monitors
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30 Ride-sharing option
31 Ballet divisions
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33 Gaelic language

- 35 Take out __
36 Island rings
39 Fox River, in TV's "Prison Break"
41 Spot of wine?
44 Source of a homeopathic oil
47 They may be fake
49 Slangy nose
51 Chooses
52 Church song
54 Passport producer
55 Willow twig
56 Lively dances
57 "The Birth of a Nation" actress __ Naomi King
58 A deadly sin
59 "If u ask me"
62 Shoebox letters
63 "Breaking Bad" network

ANSWERS ON PAGE 26.



Word Find

By Frank J. D'Agostino (solution page 30)

Find these words that are associated with college departments.

Alumni
Band

Botany
Bursar
Careers
Chinese
Computer
Counseling
Drama

Economics
English
Film
Graduate
Hebrew
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Math

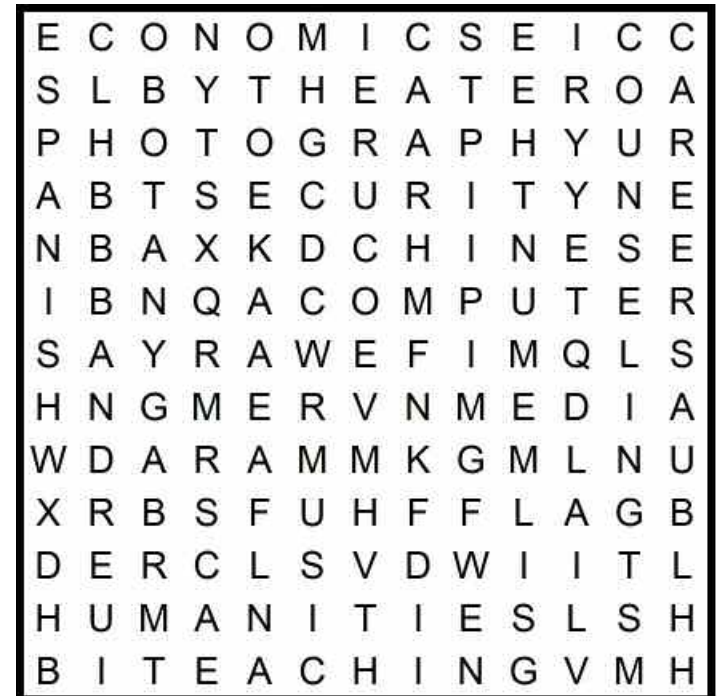
Media
Music
Photography
Security
Spanish
Teaching
Theater

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9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron



Fast Facts



Meet Owen Wilson (and don't look like an idiot)

Cody Fitzgerald
Journal & Press

It's true, Lightning McQueen and Hansel have made their way to Upstate New York. Owen Wilson has been spotted numerous times around Saratoga, filming a new movie about a beloved Bob Ross-esque painter that gets booted off his network in favor of a younger new guy. It's great to see celebrities and film crews flocking to upstate and truly appreciating the area for what it is, stimulating the economy and bringing new life to the area, too. All this being said, for the love of God, leave the poor man alone.

It's easy to find yourself involuntarily running towards a celebrity

and asking them to sign your tongue, much to the likes of a toddler running towards something fragile and shiny. It's important to remember that you don't want to end up being a crazy fan encounter story on Jimmy Fallon one day, so let's go over some basic human decency in the event you run into him.

Use Your Words. It's important to enunciate what you're saying – remember to breathe and get a “hello” or a “I'm a huge fan of your work” out.

Social Distance. I feel like this may be one rule we keep after COVID, don't maul whoever you're meeting.

Act Cool. So, not yourself.

Preserve the NDA. It's likely he cannot give you any details about the movie he is working on, so don't fish for information. While we're at it, don't try for his address or Social Security either.

Savor Your Moment. Don't attach a dollar value to people, and don't try and get a photo to boast on your Instagram and bury your friend's post about their new child in the stream of posts.

He's a Busy Guy. Under NO circumstances is Owen Wilson going to want to check out your YouTube channel or listen to your podcast. He's probably a nice guy, he might say he'll check it out. I'll speak for him, he does not.

I'll keep it brief, but please remember that celebrities are people and not toys. Treat them with respect, don't be obnoxious, don't be dumb, and don't use them for likes on social media.



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Answers

Boggle: FORD POLK TAFT ADAMS TYLER REAGAN TRUMAN

Jumble: SPOIL CLASH COMEDY INVOKE
Final Jumble:
CLOCKED IN

Salem Sudoku

(solution below)

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6						2	
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Boggle BrainBusters!

B U P H
W O I S
C O K E
A G L M

INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

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YOUR BOGGLE RATING

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- 101-150 = Expert
- 61-100 = Pro
- 31-60 = Gamer
- 21-30 = Rookie
- 11-20 = Amateur
- 0-10 = Try again

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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Boggle BrainBusters Bonus

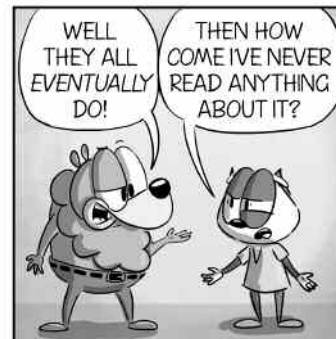
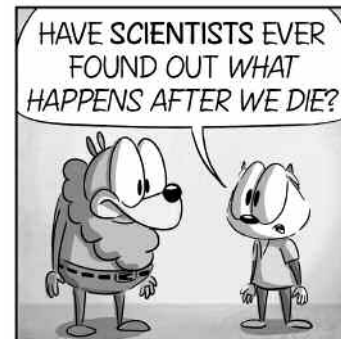
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Find AT LEAST SEVEN U.S. PRESIDENTS in the grid of letters.

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Thoughts from a firearms owner

Lance Allen Wang
Journal & Press

“A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.” Never have 26 words and three commas caused more confusion and strife than in our Second Amendment. Far smarter folks than me have picked, pecked, and parsed the Second Amendment to death, making it even more opaque in its meaning.

What I will point out is that in the lobby of the National Rifle Association, they have half of the amendment on the wall – that is, they conveniently ignore everything prior to the second comma. In our earliest days as a nation, we had two types of militia, organized and unorganized. Every able bodied male between 17-45 years of age, not otherwise in uniform, is part of the common, or unorganized militia – for the purpose of what the French later called “levee en masse,” the idea of mass national conscription in the face of invasion. For what it’s worth, this was never used in the United States – even in the face of actual invasion during the War of 1812.

My bottom line on gun control is that we already have it, the only question is “To what degree is it desirable?” We need to set aside the whole idea that our rights are absolute. In a civilized society, for everyone’s rights to be protected, we make certain concessions whether formally through the law, or informally through what we call “the social contract.” For instance, I have the right to free speech – but I don’t have the right to commit libel. I don’t have the right to yell “fire” in a crowded theater. I don’t have the right to incite an insurrection.

Gun laws already limit our Second Amendment rights. The NRA, before it became a predominately political organization, was generally representative of American firearms owners. It had a seat at the table in developing the National Firearms Act of 1934, which developed categories of regulated firearms. It had a seat at the table in developing the National Firearms Act of 1968 which greatly regulated mail-order firearms (inspired, among other things, by Lee Harvey Oswald’s rifle purchase by mail). Sadly, the NRA doesn’t sit at the table anymore.

The NRA, for over 100 years a non-partisan

organization, had an insurrection of its own in 1977-78. Hard-liners tossed out its moderate leadership and reinvented the NRA as primarily a political advocacy group, using membership as a measure of political clout. This is unfortunate, because now when the NRA speaks on issues involving firearms, it needs to be viewed through a primarily political lens. According to Pew’s latest survey (September 2019), a majority of Americans say gun laws should be stricter – and this crosses age, gender, and educational demographics. After the last two months, I know that there is stricter regulation coming. And because the NRA has long abandoned its role as a general interest group representative, I am concerned that there will be no one sitting at the table representing the broadest swath of American firearms owners.

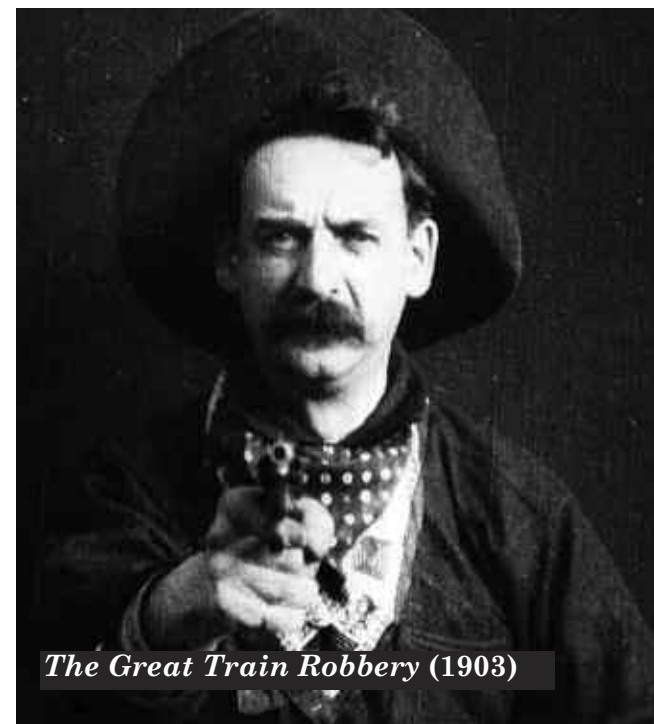
So, what is in the realm of the possible?

To start with, we need to enforce laws that are on the books. In the area of prevention, we need to start enforcing laws about lying on Federal background check forms. With a problem as large as firearms crime in the United States it is very easy to become overwhelmed and wonder “Where can we even start?” Someone who may be attempting to deceive the system with which one can lawfully buy a firearm sounds like a pretty good start. The last time this was

‘Rather than simply create new laws, enforce the laws already on the books.’

newsworthy was post-Sandy Hook, when the rate was approximately 10 percent of rejected background check forms actually being investigated. Taking a look at statistics, in the 11 years between 1994 and 2015, approximately 3 million background checks were rejected. That comes out to almost 273,000 per year. Perhaps rather than simply new laws, it is time to give law enforcement the resources to enforce the ones on the books.

We also need to move beyond the idea that bloodstained scenes of mass shootings are the price of our freedom. A percentage of Americans are led to believe this myth because of the constant drumbeat of claims from the fringe that, “They are coming to take your guns.” The only “they” who suggested extra-judicial confis-



The Great Train Robbery (1903)

cation of guns was President Donald Trump. After the Parkland school shooting, he said, “I like taking guns away early. Take the guns away first, go through due process second.” Even the worst fever-dream nightmare of the NRA, who was evidently President Barack Obama, didn’t suggest that. The SAFE Act, another boogeyman, an incredibly flawed legislation passed under a questionable “Message of Necessity,” didn’t result in anyone knocking on my door for my guns. So, how many times shall I entertain the knee-jerk cries of “wolf”?

I’m a huge believer in common sense. I fight the battle on the ground as it is, not as unhinged conspiratorial thinking pretends that it is. We have a gun crime problem and a gun safety problem. And it is a national embarrassment – on this I would agree with the President. I’m not proud of the bloodstains on the walls of our schools, I think they make a lousy backdrop for our flag and it makes a pretty sorry advertisement for a land that calls itself the “land of the free and home of the brave.”

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